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REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE FOR WENDELL SCHOOLS

The recent efforts to bring about much needed improvements to the Mahar School Building appear to be meeting insurmountable roadblocks. Wendell and New Salem have each voted near-unanimously in Town Meetings to support a renovation plan that would greatly improve the learning environment for our children. Our two other 7th through 12th Region member Towns, Orange and Petersham, each voted down the proposal for different reasons which have been discussed in our area newspapers.

Petersham School District appears to be in the midst of a long term internal disagreement over where their best options are. They have approached Quabbin Regional Schools for admittance into their system, thereby also proposing to withdraw from Mahar. The vote to support or not support Mahar was not as one sided as was the case in Wendell or New Salem but it did highlight the divisions within that Town. Petersham's vote to support the renovations would have committed them to paying their share despite a large number of their residents wanting to change their allegiance to Quabbin. All of the Quabbin Valley member Towns will have to be heard from before the Petersham choice can be settled.

Orange has overwhelmingly voted down the renovation plans for more fiscally oriented reasons, citing issues with the structure of the loans, the high costs and the uncertainty of the finished project/costs, by certain Town officials evaluations. By way of trying to consolidate their membership and remove one issue that is blocking the required unanimous four Town approval for the project, the Mahar School Committee recently voted to ask the Petersham School Committee to withdraw from the Mahar Region.

Where will this leave Wendell and New Salem with respect to wanting an improved/acceptable High School facility? Orange may never make the necessary fiscal commitment that was well documented by the Needs assessment Committee and the Building Committee for Mahar as both needed and immediate. Petersham and the Quabbin vrs. Mahar question may go on indefinitely. School Choice options to other area High Schools may further erode Mahars financial resources. Orange itself could consider withdrawing from the Mahar Region as a way of achieving a higher level of fiscal control (the current Regional agreement allows other member Towns to have equal control over the levels of School spending for each of the Towns).

A Regionalization Study Committee is just that: a Committee formed to study the various options available to the Town and the possible impacts of those options. State law requires that such a Committee only be formed on the basis of a Town Meeting vote with the (typical) three member Committee being appointed by the Town Moderator. The Moderator would direct the Committee to report back to the Town Meeting at some future date. Without such approval by Town Meeting vote, a Study Committee would not have the legal authority to make inquiries on behalf of the Town. We should make such inquiries as necessary to understand our options.

Phil Delorey

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JAN. 26

SUBJECT: WHAT TO DO ABOUT OUR HIGH SCHOOL

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COPING WITH TAXES

Collector and Taxpayers Both Stressed by Gaps in Records

The Tax Collector's office, under current Tax Collector Penny Delorey, is coping with the strain from her predecessor's incomplete records in several ways.

Claire McGinnis, tax collector of New Salem, was hired last year as Penny's assistant by the selectboard with the encouragement of the finance committee. Together, the two "are working with taxpayers to resolve disagreements in records," Penny said. "I sympathize with those who feel their records have errors. I cannot explain the past actions of the Tax Collector's office," she said. "I am trying to work in the future."

In addition, Police Chief Ed Chase has been asked to provide a police presence in the Town offices during the tax collector's public hours because a few frustrated property owners have become so emotional that they were verbally abusive and threatening to Penny.

It's under these conditions that the collector's office is moving on the Town's behalf to collect taxes where the records indicate they're past due. Penny has the support of the Select-board and Finance Committee in this work, as well as the great majority of residents. Some property owners, who claim that under the previous collect-or they had only been required to make small "token" payments, now must work out difficult schedules to become current. Others who haven't been able to show record of payment are being assessed for past due taxes. These are the unhappy taxpayers, with whom others can readily sympathize.

The complexity of Penny's present duties developed after the departure of prior collector Judy Wilder, when an independent audit was begun. The auditor, Thomas Scanlon, Sr. of South Deerfield, in April 1998 wrote all taxpayers asking them to produce records of payment for the 1996 and 1997 tax years. According to Scanlon, "My staff and I are still trying to

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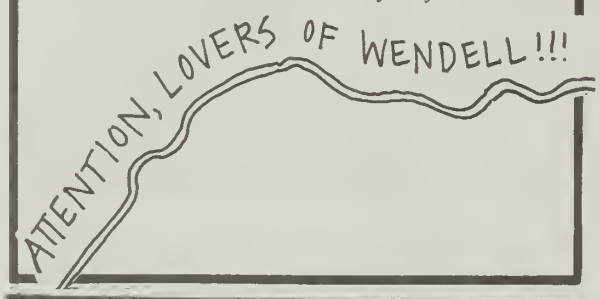

Letters

TO OUT FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS;

We would like to thank each and every one of the many people who have helped us over the past few years. You cannot imagine how much the support you gave to us meant to us. That the people of our community cared so much, that so many people came forward to ease our way has touched our hearts.

We are thrilled to report that Sean is off chemotherapy now and remains cancer-free. He is strong and continues to race his mountain bike, as he did throughout chemo.

This August, only two weeks after surgery and two months after finishing chemo, Sean raced at Mt. Snow. And, while Sean finished a very respectable 58 out of 108 in the expert class, the highlight of his day was meeting with Lance Armstrong. (Armstrong is a fellow cancer survivor and winner of the 1999 Tour de France.) Sean continues to amaze us with his energy and strength.

Our sincerest thanks to everyone who gave of themselves to make our path so much easier. You made such a difference in our lives. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sincerely,
Paul and Jean Daley

Coping with Taxes (from page 1...)

complete those records. Right now we're contacting banks and landowners for verification of payments."

The collector's office and the Town Auditor cooperate closely in the updating and verification work. Every account is examined by the auditor, Scanlon, and his staff. "We still need to find where to credit a hundred or 120 checks issued by banks," Scanlon said, "and we're getting ready to send out another batch of letters asking people to bring in their records."

Between her catch-up duties and the current tax billing and payment work, Penney and her assistant have a large and unenviable job on their hands, which they are methodically accomplishing.

The duties and operation of the collector's office are spelled out closely by Massachusetts General Laws, which says taxpayers are responsible for their own records of tax payments.

Jonathan von Ranson

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WEDDINGS
3 DIEMANDS RINGED

Patricia Sylvia and Jesse Birch
Exchanged wedding vows
Oct. 3, 1999.
They reside on Blueberry Lane, Wendell

Adrienne Philips and James Diemand
Were married
August 21, 1999.
They reside on River Road, Deerfield.

Jennifer Challet and Kenneth Kokalonas
Were married
Nov. 20, 1999.
They reside in Conway

Congratulations on Big Accomplishment to Jacob White-Diemand

Jake, a 1998 Mahar graduate, joined the Army on July 1, 1998. He is stationed at Camp Merrill, Dahlonega Georgia in the 5th Ranger Training Battalion. He successfully completed Ranger Training School this December, graduating in Fort Benning, Georgia. Jake took leave to celebrate the holidays with his family in Wendell.

Police Log

09-05-99 Medical emergency. Wickett Pond Rd.
09-05-99 Burglar alarm. Locke's Village Rd.
09-06-99 Missing person. Wendell State Forest.
09-07-99 Burglar alarm. Wendell Country Store.
09-11-99 Check welfare. Davis Rd.
09-14-99 Burglar alarm. Jennison Rd.
09-15-99 Child home alone. Center St.
09-16-99 Safety hazard. Wendell Depot Rd.
09-16-99 Larceny. Farley Rd. Ladder stolen.
09-16-99 Roads flooded.
09-16-99 State of Emergency per order of Highway Dept.
09-17-99 Lines down. Farley Rd. & Wendell Depot Rd.
09-17-99 Tree Down. Montague Rd.
09-17-99 Advised of an accident last night.
09-27-99 Burglar alarm. Wendell Country Store.
09-27-99 Animal complaint. Montague Rd. 2 large llamas loose.
09-28-99 911 hang up. Old Stage Rd.
10-01-99 Child yelling for help. Farley Rd.
10-17-99 Medical emergency. Mormon Hollow Rd.
10-26-99 Request officer call back.
10-26-99 Trespass order to be served.
10-27-99 911 hang up. New Salem Rd.
10-28-99 Complaint served. Locke Hill Rd.
11-14-99 Shots fired. Moose Horn Rd.
11-14-99 B & E. West Rd.
11-14-99 1 car accident with dog. Lockes Village Rd.
11-15-99 Complaint re: cars speeding. Request patrols.
11-15-99 Larceny. Locks Village Rd.
11-17-99 (2) 911 hang up calls. Locke Hill Rd.
11-20-99 Unwanted person. Old Stage Rd.
11-20-99 Disturbance. Old Stage Rd.

These are the calls that were received through Shelburne Control. Some calls may not be listed that were received on an officer's home phone.
Officer A. Diemand

Minutes
Wendell Selectboard
October 13, 1999

Respectfully Submitted,
April Myers
Selectboard Clerk

Meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.
The following were in attendance: Ted Lewis, Chair, Katharine Bentley, Christine Heard, members. Margie McGinnis, Town Coordinator, and April Myers, Selectboard Clerk.

Jean Forward, Historical Commission Chair, informed the Selectboard of her efforts concerning the Meetinghouse. The Preservation Grants applications for Historical Preservation had not been received, and when the applications do arrive, Jean will present them to the Selectboard. The Congregational Church wishes to maintain their rights to use the Meetinghouse for religious purposes in the future. The property and deed to the Meetinghouse will be discussed at a later time.

The Town Accountant, Nancy Riebschlaeger, presented the Select board with a copy of "Estimates of Revenues." The report format was then approved by the Selectboard. Nancy scheduled to meet with the Selectboard again with a tax revenue update.

At 7:30 p.m., the board held the Tax Classification Hearing
The Assessors office could not attend the meeting; however, the Selectboard received a copy of property classifications from Jean Dwight, Assistant to the Assessors, and the Selectboard voted unanimously to keep the tax rates uniform. Jean reported that the final tax rates would be mailed in one week.

Joe Diemand introduced Bill Landry, of Athol, and Scott McPherson, of Templeton. Joe informed the Select board of his intent to sell Mormon Hollow Auto, Ltd. to these individuals, who are pursuing a Class III License. The Selectboard was made aware of the current business operating license, held by Mr. McPherson, and will contact the new owners when Town Councel has determined if a new license is necessary.

Jean Forward, Wendell Representative; Eileen Perkins, Superintendent; Jim Woodard, Mahar Teacher; Charlotte Ryan, of The Mahar Building Committee presented the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Proposed Renovation Addition Project to the Selectboard. Dave Dore, Project Manager, and Lee Trousdale, Finance Committee Member, also attended. Eileen Perkins said the School Committee will vote on October 14, at 7:00 p.m. on approval of the $32,000,000.00 budget for the project. If approved, the Town of Wendell will then have sixty days to vote. If the Town does not respond with their vote, an automatic "YES" vote would be entered. Lee Trousdale advised that Wendell would need Flat Rate Bonds. An informational meeting was scheduled for November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wendell Town Hall. The Selectboard will then hold a special Town meeting on November 17 for a vote on the Mahar finance issue.

Andrew Hamilton, of Wendell, expressed his desire to become a member of The Board of Health. The Selectboard received Morgan Mead's resignation today, and will consider the matter.

A Commendation for the Highway Dept. was approved, and will be awarded on October 20, 1999.

This year's fuel bid was awarded to Sandri of Greenfield.

The Selectboard was made aware of an accident that took place at WRATS on October 2.
Minutes-10 13 99 continued

Caroline Manley, Town Treasurer, notified the Selectboard that she asked Town Councel to contact the previous landcourt lawyer about returning tax taking files to the Treasurer.

The Selectboard voted to notify all residents on or near the common, that the newly created parking spaces are for people using the Town Hall or Library. Everyone else is expected to provide their own parking.

The Swift River School's request to use Town Hall tables was approved.

Selectboard Was Informed The Following Have Been Received In The Office:

A letter from Rep. Kulik regarding Chapter 90 funding was received.

A letter from the Atty. General regarding disability requirements at open meetings.

A letter from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs regarding preservation efforts and surveys.

2000 Recycling Data Sheet completed by FCSWMD.

A letter from Mass Development introducing itself.

MMA bulletin concerning state budget.

Massachusetts Violence Prevention Task Force grant announcement.

Massachusetts RM packet concerning new vehicle inspection program.

FCSWMD monthly report.

New Salem Wendell School Committee Minutes and Agenda.

Selectboard
Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m. in
the Selectboard Office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

You are Needed

Planning Board Seeks Two New Members

The Wendell Planning Board is currently seeking two new members. Former co-chair, Rick Asmann, has taken a new job on Cape Cod, and Shawn Conway recently resigned from the Board because his job conflicted with scheduled Board meetings. Rick Asmann had served on the Board for several years and also held the position of Building Inspector for the Town of Deerfield. His experience and depth of knowledge has been a great asset to the Board in interpreting many legal issues and will be missed by other members.

The Planning Board currently consists of Shirley White (Chair), Ken Holmberg, and Marianne Sundell. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Wendell Town Offices at 7:00 PM. The meeting schedule will change beginning in February to the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. As the openings have become available since the last town election, they would be treated as appointments by the Selectboard.

The Planning Board reviews subdivision of land, holds Scenic Roads hearings with the tree warden, and issues special permits for certain land use and business activities. Recently the Planning Board has devoted much time to updating Wendell's Zoning Bylaw to address contemporary development issues. After completing the Wireless Communication Bylaw earlier this year members are now drafting a Site Plan Review Section to add to the Zoning Bylaw. This will allow for community input concerning issues such as lighting, fencing, and traffic flow in commercial developments in town.

Anyone with an interest in the policies which set guidelines for development in Wendell could be a potential candidate. The Planning Board is looking for individuals representative of the community, are enthusiastic about Wendell, and committed to its future. If you are interested in the type of work described and you would like to contribute to the town, please come to the next meeting.

K. Holmberg

SKILL AND PERSERVERANCE

On September 11, Cliff Lull of Wendell flew his TRX hanglider from North Adams, Massachusetts and landed ¼ mile from his home in Wendell. He spent most of the flight near cloud base at 6300" MSL. At the Turners Falls Airport, he made his final glide and landed in the Ellis field at about 5:30 p.m. The 45-minute flight took about 3 hours and 4 good thermals. This is an excellent flight by any standards and he is the first soaring pilot to land in this town.

It would not surprise me at all if the nest time, in passing by, he will be on his way to Boston.

Bud Davis

Jeffrey Bauman
Attorney At Law

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POSTING PLACE

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

There has been a request to the Police Dept. to have another Self-Defense Class. I am in the process of setting this up. It is tentatively set for starting in late January, perhaps on Sunday late afternoon. If anyone is interested please call me at 544-6111.

Anne Diemand

BRIDGE INTERSECTION ACTIVE AGAIN

The Wendell Depot Bridge is being worked on at long last! We have received complaints from the workers that as they are driving out cars are not stopping at the STOP sign. Let us all be aware that even though it has seemed like there was no reason to stop, there always was a stop sign there and let's all get back in the habit of using it again. No hospital trips and no tickets would be great. Thanks,

The Wendell Police Dept.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood pressure clinic is held the first Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11 at the Wendell Senior Center. There is also a Foot Screening offered at the same time. All are welcome and there is no charge. There is however a donation cup. The Wendell Council on Aging sponsors these clinics.

Elsie Diemand

HOME NEEDED

Couple looking to rent a two or three bedroom house in Wendell area with garage or outbuilding for studio/workship. Currently renting a recently sold Wendell house. Would like to stay in area. Please call Rick McDowell or Mary Trotochaud at (978) 544-9021.

TEEN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Community Policing Program is still trying to organize a Elder Community Service Program that will connect Wendell teens with Wendell elders to complete needed small maintenance and repair jobs. The teens will be paid for their time and will be able to feel that they are helping their community. All work will be supervised. Please call Ed Chase, Police Chief at 544-3554 or Margie McGinnis at 544-3395.

OLD HOME DAY

Wendell Old Home Day 2000!
Saturday, July 29th!

PUBLIC NOTICE

W.R.A.T.S will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25th.

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At the end of the session, you return the book you have just read and receive the next book in the series. You return two weeks later to discuss the second book, and so on until the series is completed. Sometimes you may not be able to finish one of the books, but you should plan to attend the discussion anyway. You will still get a lot out of it — all of the books address issues about which you probably have informed opinions — and you will be ready to receive the next book in the series.

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Doesn't anyone not care?
I hear no love or laughter within my house
Of the "Lord", no children even outside, coming
In my door!
You pass me by on your way, you see, but forget
To stop to pray inside me. Where does one
Pray in this town, anymore? Not at my door...
You locked me up, tore out my pews, took my
Bible, tore down my cross, not even my bell
Can ring for thee.
Oh, Wendell town, what has happened to me? I
Loved you all, you see, and I once stood
tall and consoled you all on this hill
for all to see...
Now I sit in shame, in need of paint and repair,
wondering if loving hands will enter
my doors, that care. I thought my doors
would never close for the year 2000 or
even more...
Oh Wendell, my sweet town, what has happened to
me? Where are the hands that loved me,
are they all gone? Am I too old, a dying church,
you see? Can't you open my door and let
some light shine in on me? Am I to die, without
your love? Oh Wendell Town. Oh, what comes
from above?

Is there just "one" that can save me, as a
Church I used to be? Can't someone ring
My bell to call "God's" flock again?
Have all my friends gone to abide with You
Behind me? Maybe a child can lead thee. Oh
Wendell Town, doesn't your Town need me?
What is a town without a church? I do not know.
Oh Wendell Town, have all God's country people
forgotten me? Is there a "someday" you will
need Me? Oh please, Wendell town, do not ever
tear me down!
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WENDELL POLICE TRAINING RIGOROUS AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

In a recent article which appeared in a local newspaper, Greenfield Police Chief David McCarthy was reported to have said that Chris Maselli, Wendell candidate for a police force position, was declined in part because of a past civil matter and because "an hour and a half is what he (the candidate) had for police training".

When asked what the standards are for officer training in Wendell, Wendell Police Chief Edward Chase explained that, in fact, all Massachusetts police officers must meet a rigorous and demanding level of educational competency. "It is against the law to give police powers to any person until a 148 hour Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council course for Reserve and Intermittent Police Officers is successfully completed...Any one who would believe that any of our officers might be operating with less than that is sadly mistaken." He dismissed the information reported in the local paper regarding WPD training as a "probable misunderstanding."

Additionally, officers must be trained as a first responder for emergency health problems. Wendell police officers also undergo a 40 hours yearly inservice program.

Officer Christopher Maselli continues as a part-time officer in Wendell.

Recently a settlement was reached in the civil matter involving Officer Maselli and Locke Hill Rd. resident, Joshua Stebbins which occurred about a year and a half ago.

Chief Chase was asked what if anything had occurred within the WPD to address issues raised as a result of this alleged violation of civil rights. He reported a sequence of events which had occurred, including a WPD internal examination, a Selectboard inquiry, ongoing Community Policing Committee involvement, participation in Circle of Justice discussions, and 3-4 weekend training seminars with the WPD in communication skills with Sharon Tracy of Quabbin Mediation.

Communication training remains a high priority. "Lessons have been learned."

Chief Chase reports a marked decrease in the level of complaints, despite the fact that the Wendell Police Department has increased their level of visibility by increased traffic patrols.

The current level of traffic patrols are a result of a past Wendell Town Meeting discussion, where the citizens made clear their wishes that traffic speeding in front of their houses be slowed down. The Selectboard responded by passing on the request to the Police. As a result of these requests, the WPD changed from acting mainly in response to emergencies to an additional focus on controlling traffic safety issues.

The trouble comes, Chief Chase explained, when people who want traffic to slow down in front of their houses get stopped themselves. "We can't act selectively". Chief Chase reports that since the increase in traffic patrols, the number of motor vehicle accidents has decreased.

Chief Chase made reference to plans, which are being formed at present for more community-police, communication.

Kathy Becker

MORMON HOLLOW AUTO CHANGES HANDS

Joseph Diemand sold Mormon Hollow Auto to Scott McPherson and Bill Landry in late October 1999. The new owners have been business partners for over 15 years. They currently own and operate Scott's Garage in Tempelton, Mass. This is a Class 2 used car lot. They had been looking into buying a business with Class 3 permits, so when the yard was offered to them they thought it would be a good business addition.

Their plans for the immediate future are to clean up the yard, both in front of the business and behind, to sell newer model used car parts, 1994 and on, instead of the older used car parts Joe had sold. They want to have cars brought into an enclosed garage, take parts off, cataloged and stored in the warehouse, instead of having customers go into the yard to take parts off vehicles themselves. This will make it easier to keep track of parts and have them more readily accessible. Mormon Hollow is also a member of ARA (Auto Recycle Association) and with the use of computers and the internet it no longer matters where your business is located, being able to ship items out by UPS or delivered by their own drivers.

They have moved the office into the red warehouse building and are in the process of fixing the stone barn into a business office. It has been an exciting addition to their lives to learn about Wendell and Mormon Hollow Auto. They have all received a friendly welcome from the town boards they have had to deal with and from the neighbors they now see almost daily. The new owners have retained all the help that Joe had, adding on a manager, Mike Esposito. Mike has worked with Bill and Scott for many years and looks forward to being involved with this new adventure. Mike hopes to move to Wendell shortly. He has worked with cars all his life.

When I spoke with the help they all spoke highly of the people they now work with. Several of the things that make this move exciting are: it is very scenic, they have received a very positive response from townspeople and it is close to home.

I remember the days back when Joe lived in a trailer and had his junkyard out behind the farm. Then he brought land down the road and started to get a little more professional. It has been many years and many changes. I am happy to invite these new neighbors to my town. May they prosper here!

Anne Diemand

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Winter fun on the Common 8:00-9:00

Teen Dance 8:00-11:00 At the Senior Center

Town Hall Entertainment 9:00-11:00 Music, open mic, stories about life in Wendell

Bonfires:
Children's fire 9:00-10:00
Millennium Celebration fire 11:00-1:00

Volunteers and performers still needed. Call Rosie at 4-8457 or Karen at 4-2523 to sign up.

Patti & Vic Scutari
544-8646

Locks Village Rd.
Wendell, MA. 01379

LOCAL BUSINESS WELCOME

NEWS FROM THE WENDELL COUNTRY STORE

Seasons Greetings from the Wendell Country Store! There have been some changes at the store within the last few months as I'm sure most of you have noticed.

Driving out of the store's parking lot on my way to work without baptizing myself in coffee was sometimes the most challenging part of my day. Now if you spill your coffee on the way to work you won't have the "sink holes" at the Wendell Country store to blame. The approval rating for paving the parking lot is very high, although there are a few nostalgic folks out there who liked the country feel of the dust bowl. I prefer the paved lot but I can also appreciate the feelings of loss for the way things used to be. All that tar is a big change. (The rollerbladers and skateboarders are happy I can tell ya!)

I have a confession to make. The lot was not my idea. Patti had been working on paving the lot for two or three years. The fact that it happened just after I started managing the store was pure coincidence. So, if you love the pavement Patti would love to know, and if you hate it you can complain to her as well.

Managing the store is a big change for me personally. You may or may not have noticed that I have been the new manager since September. I left my job at Cooley Dickinson Hospital's microbiology lab to pursue what I hoped would be a less stressful and more community-home based job. There is a great deal involved in running the store and I have not yet taken everything on but I am loving it. Joy Gorzocowski , with her years of knowledge and experience at the store has been an enormous help to me as I learn the "ropes". She has made it easier for me to enjoy supplying the store with what you want and need.

To that end we have brought in more gift items, and food. Jahzaard enjoys making sandwich "rollups" and it appears that you all like to eat them. We try to have hot homemade soup (corn chowder, American chop suey, lentil, minestrone, and winter squash to name a few) every day. We also carry many many items that are produced by your friends and neighbors.

New Salem tea breads have found a home on our shelves as have the homemade breads from the Petersham Bakery (which are delivered every Thursday). We are proud to use Dean's Beans for our daily brew of organic Full Moon coffee. We carry other Dean's Beans for our customers who enjoy making their favorite coffee at home. Our baked goods are all locally made and supplied to the store two or more times a week. Helen's pies and Nancy's scones are perennial favorites.

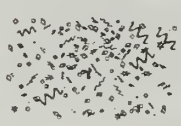
We carry beautiful gifts made my local artists. Ina's lovely stained glass window ornaments greet you as you come into the store. Relax at a table with your morning coffee and enjoy the unique paintings of our veteran cashier Donna Horn. We carry Deva Skydancer's enchanting windchimes and jewelry created by Obadiah.

The Equalites just came out with a new CD and guess what? That's right, you can buy it at the Wendell Country store.

We carry Diemand eggs and turkey pies, Myron's sauces, Helen's pies, Lorraine's soup, eggrolls and stew, Maria's pasta, music with Boo, New Salem cider, Selena's hats, Berkshire beer and pins with cats, Kuumba's oils, herbal tea, healthy products grown organically, candy, gum, sugar and spice, almost anything for every vice (and lots of things that are very nice).

Hope your Holiday is filled with much joy and peace. See you soon at the Wendell Country Store.

At your service,
Eileen Sauvageau



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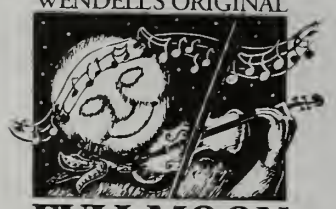

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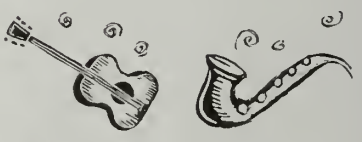

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